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SUBJECT: CCD - BALTIMORE STATEMENT

PLEASE PASS ROBERT MIKULAK, ACDA REPRESENTATIVE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DAVID BALTIMORE/MIT STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT.

RECOMBINANT DNA METHODS CAN BE USED TO REASSORT THE GENES OF BACTERIA. IT SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE POSSIBLE TO USE THE METHODS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ORGANISMS WITH IMPROVED POTENTIAL AS AGENTS FOR BIOLOGICAL WARFARE. TRAITS CONFERRING HIGH LETHALITY, HIGH STABILITY, AND RESISTANCE AGAINST THE BODY'S DEFENSE MECHANISMS COULD BE COMBINED INTO A SINGLE ORGANISM.

BIOLOGICAL WARFARE REMAINS A CRUDE FORM OF ATTACK AND SERVES NO SPECIAL FUNCTION IN A NATION'S ARSENAL. RECOMBINANT DNA METHODS ARE NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE THAT PERSPECTIVE. IN THE ABSENCE OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AGAINST USES OF SUCH METHODS FOR DESIGN OF WEAPONS, HOWEVER, OUR ABILITY TO EMPLOY RECOMBINANT DNA TECHNOLOGY

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FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES WILL BE COMPROMISED.

THE U.S. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY INDICATED  
THAT THEY CONSIDER THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION TO  
PROHIBIT USE OF RECOMBINANT DNA METHODS TO PRODUCE  
BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS (LETTER OF JULY 3, 1975, TO ME FROM  
JMALONE/ACDA/GC). IF THE U.S. MAINTAINS THAT POSITION  
BUT OTHER NATIONS INTERPRET THE CONVENTION DIFFERENTLY,  
I WOULD EXPECT THAT AMERICAN MOLECULAR BIOLOGISTS WOULD  
REFUSE TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH NATIONS THAT MIGHT USE  
THE INFORMATION FOR PURPOSES OF BIOLOGICAL WARFARE.

END TEXT.  
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